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SUBJECT : GUINEAN VIEWS OF PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE MAY 12, I ASKED HIM HOW DID GUINEA VIEW THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND THE EFFECT THEY MIGHT HAVE ON GUINEA-BISSAU, GUINEA AND AFRICA IN GENERAL.

2. TOURE SAID THAT FOR SEVERAL DAYS FOLLOWING COUP IN PORTUGAL THERE HAD BEEN GREAT INTENSIFICATION OF BOMBING IN GUINEA-BISSAU AS THOUGH LOCAL COMMANDERS WERE TRYING TO USE UP LAST REMAINING BOMBS IN A FRENZY OF TERROR. HOWEVER, DURING LAST FEW DAYS MILITARY ACTION HAD SUBSIDED GREATLY. THIS HE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY PROMISING SIGN FOR FUTURE.

3. ON QUESTION OF GUINEA'S POSITTWION, TOURE SAID GUINEA COULD
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ONLY WELCOME ANY CHANGE WHICH SUGGESTED EMERGENCE OF DEMOCRACY AND POSSIBILITY THAT RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND

INDEPENDENCE TO AFRICAN PEOPLES WOULD BE RESPECTED. SAID
PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN SHOULD IT AGREE TO
GRANT IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE TO AFRICAN TERRITORIES AND ENTER
INTO NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM. SAID, HOWEVER, HE WOULD
RESERVE FULL ANSWER UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSIONS HE PLANNED HOLD
WITH LEADERS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF ANGOLA AND MOZAM-
BIQUE DURING NEXT FEW DAYS. TOURE SUGGESTED THAT MEANWHILE
I AGAIN URGE US GOVERNMENT USE ITS INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE
PORTUGUESE TO GRANT IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE TO AFRICAN
TERRITORIES.
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